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WARNS WORKMEN

Efforts to Prevent Italians From
Coming to Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL

Sends Letters to Italian Authorities
Protesting Against the Plans of
Hawaiian Planters.

At a meeting of the San Francisco
Labor Council July 7, the follow-
ing circular letter was adopted and the
secretary instructed to send copies
thereof to the Pope, the King of Italy,
to the Radical members of the Italian
Parliament, to the leaders of all Italian
trades unions and to all news-
papers published in Italy:

"The San Francisco Labor Council,
the federation of the trades unions of
this city, learning in the press reports
that the Hawaiian planters had suc-
ceeded in making arrangements with
the Italian Government which would
result in the emigration of from 10,000
to 15,000 Italian laborers to work on
the sugar plantations of Hawaii, in-
structed me to warn the workers of
Italy against coming to Hawaii for
once in the islands they are slaves,
with no hope of escape.

"For verification and explanation of
this statement I ask you to read the
enclosed minutes of the Labor Council
of May 28, 1897. At that time a cor-
rupt public official of this State tried
to lure California workmen to Hawaii.
The council then had the Hawaiian
contract labor laws with some com-
ments published, and not one workman
took 'advantage' of the offers of the
Hawaiian planters. I believe this will
be the result when the Italian work-
men learn what awaits them in those
accursed islands, where greed and
cruelty are more rampant than in any
other part of our so-called civilized
world.

"I further want to state that when
the Hawaiian planters were seeking
annexation of the islands to the United
States of America and after the in-
closed report was used in the United
States Congress as an argument
against annexation, the planters' rep-
resentatives promised the repeal of the
contract labor laws. They lied. Those
laws are still in force, although the
flag of the United States floats over
the islands.

"A recent decision of the Supreme
Court of Hawaii, given in the case of
two laborers who had 'run' away from
their employers, had been captured and
then claimed that where the Stars and
Stripes floats no slavery can exist, ex-
plicitly states that the contract labor
laws of Hawaii are constitutional, both
under Hawaiian and American law.
Unfortunately that is true. In the de-
cision of the Supreme Court of the
United States in the case of Robert
Robertson and others against Barry
Baldwin, rendered in 1895, against
four members of the Sailors' Union of
the Pacific, who had 'run' away from
a ship in an American port, had been
captured, and whose case was carried
by the union to the Supreme Court, the
Court held that contracts voluntarily
entered at no time of their duration
could become involuntary, and there-
fore the seamen could not claim the
protection of the thirteenth amend-
ment to the Constitution, which pro-
hibits slavery and involuntary servit-
ude.

"And so today the American flag
floats over territory where overseers
with whip in hand urge on the tollers
in the canefields to harder labor. Once
in Hawaii under contract to labor,
there is no escape, as you readily see
by the inclosed report.

"In conclusion I want to state that
the press reports some time ago gave
it that the Italian Government had
forbidden the wholesale emigration of
subjects to Hawaii. Now the reports
state that the objection had been with-
drawn and that the laborers would
come from Northern Italy exclusively.
Does the Italian Government want to
get rid of its discontented workmen
who are becoming troublesome?

"The promises of the planters' agents
are lies, lies, lies. Warn your coun-
trymen. Bring this at your earliest
opportunity to the knowledge of radi-
cal members of the Italian Parliament,
and inform the officials of Italian
trades unions and reformers in gen-
eral of this nefarious plot. I am,
your friend for humanity and freedom.
"ED. ROSENBERG.
"Recording and corresponding sec-
retary San Francisco Labor Council."

Must be More Prompt.

Curtis J. Lyons complains bitterly
of the dilatory manner in which some
of the observers of the Weather Bu-
reau send in their monthly reports.
They are requested to forward their

reports promptly at the end of each
month, that they may appear in the
published report on the fifteenth of
the following month.

The Hawaiian Census.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Parker D. Red-
mond, an agent of the United States
Census Bureau, arrived in Chicago to-
day en route to the Hawaiian Islands
and Philippine Islands on official busi-
ness. He will set in operation, first
in the Hawaiian Islands, the machinery
for taking the census there and then
proceed to the Philippines on a similar
mission.

Next Transports.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—The Can-
adian Pacific steamer Tartar has been
chartered by the Government to carry
troops to Manila. She left Nainaimo
at midnight on the 6th and will be here
Sunday. Her gross tonnage is 4400 and
she will carry 1500 troops.
The City of Para is still coaling at
Folsom street. She will sail early next
week with the headquarters and band,
and four companies of the Twenty-
fourth Regiment and two troops of cav-
alry. The Conemaugh will get away
with 250 horses early next week. The
ship Tacoma, now on the drydock, will
probably dock at Folsom street today.

THE EGERIA COMING.

Now Surveying the Australian-
Canadian Cable Route.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—The
British survey steamer Egeria arrived
from Esquimaux, B. C., yesterday morn-
ing. The English and Canadian Gov-
ernments are to establish a cable be-
tween British Columbia and Australia,
which will touch at Samoa and Ha-
waii. The Egeria is now engaged in
the work of surveying the route. She
will go from here to Honolulu, taking
soundings on the way, and after
coaling there will proceed to Apia.
From Apia the soundings will be taken
to the nearest point on the Australian
continent.

The Egeria put in here for coal.
When her bunkers are filled again she
will go to the point where she left off
and continue the work of locating a
bed for the cable until her coal gives
out. She will probably put into San
Diego for a fresh supply.
The officers of the Egeria are the
most expert surveyors in the British
navy, and they are taking great care
in making the soundings for the pro-
posed cable. The undertaking will
probably occupy two months before the
survey boat reaches Brisbane.

FUMIGATION EXPERIMENTS.

Question as to the Landing of
Freight from Infected Ports.

The experiments in fumigating
freight will be begun today in the old
stone warehouse at the Mail wharf,
under the direction of Dr. Day and
Health Agent Reynolds. However, it
is probable that no freight will be per-
mitted to be landed from infected
ports. The Health Board seems to
feel that the risk is too great. A prom-
inent member of the Board said yester-
day that the probable course would
be that the steamship companies will
be notified not to receive freight for
Honolulu from ports where the plague
is raging as it will not be allowed to
be landed. If this action is taken the
price of Chinese articles, food stuffs in
particular, will rapidly ascend. There
is already more or less scarcity of some
of the staples, and it is understood that
a number of speculators have tried to
corner the supply.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Claus
Spreckels, John D. Spreckels, Austin
C. Tubbs, George Fritch, Thomas B.
Pheby, W. D. K. Gibson and A. B.
Spreckels, directors of the Oceanic
Steamship Company, have authorized
the creation of a bonded indebtedness
amounting to \$2,500,000 for the purpose
of completing the construction and
equipment of vessels to be used by the
company.

CAN'T LAND AT PORTLAND.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Secretary
Alger has notified Commissioner Her-
mann of the General Land Office that
the transports bearing home the Ore-
gon volunteers from Manila cannot be
allowed to land at Portland, in view of
Gen. Otis' recommendation that the
transports be returned immediately to
Manila.

TRADE WITH HONOLULU.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—There is
considerable inquiry about the over-
due fleet from Honolulu. There are
nine packets now due from the islands,
and every one of them will return
loaded with cargo and passengers. All
their space and cabin accommodations
have been already spoken for.

WILL GO TO PARIS.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—A part of
the Isthmian Canal Commission will
take a trip to Paris before a personal
inspection of the two canal routes is
made.

MANILA'S LATEST

Release of Spanish Prisoners
About Arranged For.

GENERAL WHEELER TO THE FRONT

Spanish Survivors at Baler Lion-
ized-General Luna's Assassin
Goes Free.

MANILA, July 7.—7 A. M.—The
Spanish Commissioners, who went to
Tarlac for a conference with Aguinaldo
regarding the surrender of the
Spanish prisoners in the hands of the
Filipinos, returned here last night.
Chairman Del Rio of the Commission
said the release of all the prisoners
had been practically arranged for, but
it would be necessary to consult the
Spanish Government before the agree-
ment could be ratified. He declined
to give the terms of the arrangement
or to say whether these contemplated
a ransom. He asserted, however, that
Aguinaldo had already issued a decree
for the release of the civilian officials
and the sick soldiers.

The Commissioners, with the rem-
nant of the Spanish garrison of Baler,
on the east coast of Luzon, and a num-
ber of civilian prisoners, were escorted
by Filipino soldiers from Tarlac to the
American outposts at San Fernando
and came to Manila by the night train.
The heroes of the long defense of
Baler, where the Spaniards resisted an
insurgent siege for more than a year,
formed a picturesque band. Lieutenant
Martin, the only surviving officer,
marched them through the streets.
There were only twenty-two and most
of them are mere boys, in faded blue
cotton uniforms and red shirts. They
were barefooted.

A crowd of Spanish men and women
embraced them, weeping and shouting
their praises. They tell a remarkable
story. It appears that the Captain
several times proposed to surrender,
but the soldiers refused. Finally, some
months ago, he tried to raise a white
flag. Thereupon Lieut. Martin killed
him with his own sword.

Their food supply gave out entirely
a week ago and they surrendered to
the Filipinos with all the honors of
war. They were allowed to keep their
arms and they say they marched from
Baler with Filipino escort and carry-
ing guns through several insurgent
camps, everywhere being cheered and
feted.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Brigadier
General Joseph Wheeler was today or-
dered to report to Gen. Otis at Manila
for service in the Philippine islands.
The sending of Gen. Wheeler to Ma-
nila completes the list of brigadiers
now necessary in the Philippines and
puts an end to all rumors that Harri-
son Gray Otis of California will return
to service in the field. On the contrary,
it was settled while the latter was here
that he would be shortly mustered out
of the service.

NEW YORK, July 6.—A Sun cable
from Manila says: Spanish Commis-
sioners report that the American pris-
oners held by the insurgents have been
sent to Vigan, in Ilocos Sur province,
on the northwest coast of Luzon.

MANILA, July 7.—The Spanish col-
ony here are lionizing the survivors
of the Spanish garrison of Baler, on
the east coast of Luzon, who returned
here last night with the Spanish Com-
missioners sent to treat with the Fili-
pinos for the surrender of the Spanish
prisoners. A dozen banquets have
been arranged in their honor and a
subscription has been started for their
relief. Lieut. Martin, the only surviv-
ing officer of the garrison, denies the
story that he killed Capt. Morenas, the
Spanish officer who commanded at
Baler, because he tried to raise a white
flag. Martin says the Captain died of
beriberi.

The transport Churroca is to take
Gen. Bates to the Sulu islands on a
diplomatic mission. He will arrange
a basis for a friendly understanding
with the Sultan of Sulu, who claims to
be friendly to Americans. Under the
Sultan's treaty with Spain he received
a subsidy.

Gen. Wheaton is to take command
of Gen. Hale's brigade at San Fernan-
do. Gen. Hale is returning to the
United States with the Colorado Regi-
ment.

MANILA, July 7, 7:30 P. M.—The

trial at Cabanatuan of the slayers of
Gen. Luna, the Filipino leader, who
was assassinated by the guard of Ag-
uinardo's residence, is ended. The ac-
cused were acquitted on the ground of
self-defense. The testimony showed
there was a conspiracy on the part of
Luna and other officers to kill Agui-
naldo and make Luna dictator. Luna's
death seems to have strengthened Ag-
uinardo's leadership for the time.
Luna's supporters are now outwardly
loyal to Aguinardo.

ADMIRAL CERVERA ACQUITTED.

MADRID, July 8.—Admiral Cervera
and the other commanders of the Span-
ish fleet destroyed in the battle of San-
tiago, whose conduct has been the sub-
ject of inquiry by special court martial,
were today acquitted and formally lib-
erated.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

Dreyfus' health is improving.
Champion Jeffries has arrived in San
Francisco.

Havana has two or three cases of
yellow fever.

The Columbia has again outlasted
the Defender.

W. L. Dudley, a prominent Stockton,
Cal., lawyer, is dead.

Ex-Attorney General John Lord Love
of California is dead.

Mark Twain has gone to Sweden to
try the Swedish cure.

There is no truth in the reports of a
revolution in Bulgaria.

A score of miners have died of scurvy
at Wind City, Alaska.

Champion Lasker still holds his own
in the chess tournament.

The State of Texas is virtually cut
in two by terrible floods.

San Francisco had a slight earth-
quake at noon on the 6th.

Gen. Joe Wheeler's son will be made
major of a new regiment.

San Francisco has another myster-
ious candy poisoning case.

The Corcoran murder trial at Wal-
lace, Idaho, has commenced.

President McKinley still hopes to
reach California in the Fall.

The town of Coulterville, California,
has been burned to the ground.

Mrs. McKinley's health is improving
and she is able to go out driving.

Robert Bonner, the famous publisher
of the New York Ledger, is dead.

Columbus Democrats have thrown
down the silver gauntlet to Tammany.

A Home Ruler has been elected to
the British Parliament from Yorkshire.

Howell, the American, is again the
winner of the Diamond Sculls at Hen-
ley.

Roosevelt says Dewey is the man
highest in public regard since the Civil
war.

Gen. Brugere has been named as mil-
itary governor of Paris, vice Gen. Zar-
linden.

Idaho mines are starting up again,
outside labor rushing in from every di-
rection.

An American girl has suicided in
Geneva for love of Leoncavallo, the
composer.

The steamer Robert Kerr, from St.
Michael's, has three millions in gold
dust on board.

Charles B. Brown, a Chicago novelty
advertising and promoting man, has
failed for \$1,566,078.

Eight hundred people working in the
Chicago Can Company narrowly es-
caped injury in a fire.

A hired assassin fired four shots at
King Milan in Belgrade, slightly
wounding him in the back.

Guatemala is to be held to account
by the United States for indignities
committed on an American.

The transport McClellan has arrived
at New York from Santiago with three
cases of yellow fever on board.

The captured Spanish cruiser Merce-
des will be turned into a receiving ship,
as she cannot be made fit to fight.

Great Britain has ordered special
service officers, reserve supplies and
ammunition to the front in South Af-
rica.

Fred Peterson, an aged miner at
Angela's Camp, committed suicide by
exploding a stick of giant powder in
his mouth.

In a London cricket match between
the Players and Gentlemen the former
made the great score of 647 runs in
their first innings.

Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State
for War, has introduced in the House
of Lords a bill providing for conscrip-
tion in certain emergencies.

United States Minister Hunter, at
Honduras, is to explain to the State
Department at Washington why he re-
fused to intercede in behalf of Rich-
ards, an American who was expelled
from that country.

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